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BNDD FOR ENC/ MR DURKIN, ATTN MR STRICKLER, DA-2

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: SNAR, AR/, XM

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: SOUTH AMERICAN DRUG CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 060599; (B) BA-2342; (C) BA-2413

1. EXEC SEC CONATON TODAY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT U. S. WILL
PROBABLY RECEIVE INVITATION TO ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN

OBSERVER STATUS. HOWEVER, HE ADVISED THAT WE TAKE NO FIRM
ACTION UNTIL INVITATION ACTUALLY RECEIVED.

2. EXEC SEC INDICATED U. S. PRESENCE WOULD NOT BE CONTROVERSIAL
IN VIEW OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO NARCOTICS SITUATION AS WORLD' S
MAJOR " VICTIM" NATION. ALSO, U. S. WOULD ONLY BE ONE OF MANY
OBSERVER NATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS (SEE REF C) AT CONFERENCE.
COMMENT: THIS VIEWPOINT IS A WELCOME CHANGE FROM THAT TAKEN
DURING NOV/ DEC CONFERENCE AND INDICATES A MATURING OF GOA AND
SOUTH AMERICAN ATTITUDE VIS- A- VIS THE U. S. AND ITS ROLE IN THE
NARCOTICS PROBLEM. IT ALSO INDICATES U. S. POLICY OF LOW-
PROFILE AND NON- INTERFERENCE IN LOCAL INITIATIVES AND APPROACH
TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM IS PAYING DIVIDENDS.

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3. AMBASSADOR WILL IROBABLY RECEIVE INVITATION TO ATTEND
PLENARY OPENING SESSION AND OBSERVERS WILL BE ASKED TO SIT IN
ON SPECIAL SESSIONS. FURTHER DETAILS AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDA-
TIONS ON DELEGATION SIZE AND COMPOSITION WILL BE FORTHCOH SAID THAT
FINAL SIGNATURES NECESSARY TO RATIFY ECOSOC
ENLARGEMENT NOW PRO FORMA AND COULD VIRUTALLY BE ACCOMPLISHED
AT WILL. THEREFORE, SINCE NEITHER WAS A PROPONENT OF PACKAGE,
THEY ARE WAITING TO SEE OUTCOME OF PRESENT U. S. DELIBERATIONS
AND RATIFICATION . FYI: AS OF MONDAY P. M. 63 COUNTRIES HAVE
NOW RATIFIED. END FYI.
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